

STATEMENT READ BY CLLR BASKER, CHAIR OF BOTHENHAMPTON & WALDITCH PARISH COUNCIL AT THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

REGARDING Planning Application P/MPO/2023/04147

Several residents have asked why the Parish Council withdrew its letter of objection to this Application on the Dorset Council Planning Portal.

Our letter stated that the informal meeting of residents in Bothenhampton Village Hall on 14th August to discuss the Application was organised by the Parish Council. This was incorrect, and therefore the Parish Council withdrew its letter of objection.

We consulted the Monitoring Officer about this and confirmed that the Parish Council was justified in withdrawing the letter because our procedures had been compromised.

In handling all planning applications, the Parish Council is guided by planning law, by the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan and by the proper interests of all residents, as well as by its Code of Conduct, published on its website.

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